

- (i) Identifying the locations for setting up the Integrated Textile Park based on a Scientific assessment of the demand and potential of the area.
- (ii) Facilitating formation of Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) at each project level with the participation of local industry.
- (iii) Preparation of Project Plan including the setting of standard for infrastructure.
- (iv) Structure and appraise the projects and submit the same for consideration of Project Approval Committee (PAC).
- (v) Assist the SPV in selection of agencies for preparation of bid documents, construction, operation and maintenance of the facilities in the Project.
- (vi) Assist the SPV in achieving financial closure.
- (vii) To liaise with the State Governments to resolve State-related problems.
- (viii) Ensure timely completion of project(s) as fixed by the PAC.

Shortage of fighter aircrafts

†29. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the extent of shortage of fighter aircrafts being felt by the Indian Air Force and since when;
- (b) steps being taken by the Government to immediately provide necessary fighter aircrafts to Indian Air Force in view of agreement for purchase of F-16 aircrafts being given to Pakistan by America; and
- (c) by when the said aircrafts would be made available to the Indian Air Force alongwith the features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) Government constantly review the security environment and accordingly decide to induct appropriate equipment and to make other arrangements

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

for adequate defence preparedness. The purchase of fighter aircraft required for the Air Force is made in accordance with the established Defence Procurement Procedure.

**Fulfilling strategic requirements by
DRDO**

30. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that our armed forces are apprehensive that DRDO will not be keeping the dates for meeting their requirements of strategic armaments;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and occasions when DRDO could not deliver in time during the last three years;
- (c) steps being taken to streamline 'working of DRDO; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) The fact is that due to genuine technical difficulties some of the projects have been delayed, but these are nearing completion at various times as given below and when developed the products will be equipped with current technologies with a useful life of about 20-25 years.

Status of some of the major projects is as follows:

| Systems | Probable Date of Completion |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Command Information Decision Support System (CIDSS) for 31st December, 2006 Army Commanders-Samvahak | |
| Integrated Electronic Warfare Programme-Samayta | 30th November, 2007 |
| Naval Indigenous Electronic Warfare Programme-Sangraha | 31st December, 2006 |
| Integrated Guided Missiles® Development' Programme (IGMDP) | 31st December, 2007 |
| Light Combat Aircraft (Final Operational Clearance) | 2010 |